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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ERNESTO E. BLANCO : EXAMINER: MACNEILL, E.
SERIAL NO: 10/092,560 :
FILED: MARCH 8, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3767
FOR: SAFETY TROCAR WITH :
PROGRESSIVE CUTTING TIP GUARDS
AND GAS JET TISSUE DEFLECTOR

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.